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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is a request for EPA records, submitted under the provisions of the U.S. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and e-FOIA amendments.

I respectfully request any and all documents containing information described below.

- 1. Any and all environmental (including air, dust, environmental and/or drinking water) assessments, reports, and notifications regarding schools administered by the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Education, and/or Bureau of Indian Affairs, dated after Jan. 1, 2011.
- 2. In addition, any and all documentation of asbestos and/or lead (Pb) contamination or exposure concerns at schools described above, dated after Jan. 1, 2011.
- 3. Any correspondence or e-mails with the agencies described above, and/or individual schools or school districts, regarding corrective action or remediation plans or actions, and/or other responses to EPA notifications or findings described above.
- 4. Fines and amounts of fines paid to EPA by agencies or schools described above, for violations of environmental laws, since Jan. 1, 2011.

This FOIA request is submitted as part of newsgathering. I am a public health journalist working for New Mexico In Depth and its reporting partners. The requested records will shed light on matters of pressing public concern regarding the environmental safety of schools attended by Native youth in New Mexico and other states in EPA Region 6. I therefore request a news media fee waiver or reduction for this request. Should a fee waiver be denied, I am willing to pay up to \$25 in processing fees for this request.

I ask that all documents please be disclosed in their original digital format (e.g., e-mails, Excel spreadsheets, PowerPoint presentations, etc.).

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Very respectfully, Bryant Furlow 900 Ortiz Drive NE Albuquerque NM 87108

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